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Dear Gerry:

You are cordially invited to participate in an evening discussion and dinner at CIA Headquarters on Thursday, December 7. Our subject will be the intelligence role in arms control verification, including monitoring. The current negotiations on strategic arms limitations emphasize the importance of the subject. Naturally we assume that our discussion will draw heavily on our experience with SALT I. Further, in order that we may be unfettered by problems of security, all the guests invited for the occasion will have SI (code-word) clearances. Nevertheless, I trust that our discussion will not become entangled in the pros and cons of a SALT II agreement but rather will rove widely over the subject of arms control verification, emphasizing the conceptual, even philosophical, aspects of the problems of verification.

Sid Graybeal, who is the Director of our Office of Strategic Research, and whom you know, will offer a brief introduction on the subject. After that we shall all have our say. I shall be delighted if our discussion turns up some considerations that have not been receiving the attention they deserve.

The plan for our evening is as follows: The company will assemble in my conference room in the CIA Headquarters Building in Langley, 7D64, between 5:30 and 6:00. Refreshments will be served. Our discussion will begin at 6:00 and continue until 7:00 when dinner will be served. After dinner, or about 7:30, we shall resume discussion and continue until 9:00 or so, as the intensity of our interest dictates. The company will be small, with six outside guests and eight insiders, to facilitate an exchange in which all may participate.

I am looking forward to your joining us.  is in charge of arrangements. Please call on him if you need any further information, or any assistance.

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Yours,

*signed*  
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